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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIR FREIGHT UP 2.1% IN 1990

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 28, -- Air freight increased 2.1 percent in 1990 and 3.7 percent in December, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in 1990 registered a gain of 2.1 percent. The air transportation of mail increased 4.8 percent. Total cargo, including freight and mail, increased 2.7 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers increased 2.1 percent in 1990, and mail was up 3.7 percent. Total cargo was up 2.3 percent.

In December, domestic air freight increased 4.0 percent. Mail rose 2.8 percent, and total cargo increased 3.6 percent.

December international air freight traffic of U.S. carriers had a gain of 3.5 percent. Mail traffic declined 13.2 percent, and total cargo increased 0.7 percent.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS

U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES

(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS				
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	TOTAL FREIGHT	TOTAL CARGO
DECEMBER 1990	391,386	165,919	557,305	418,662	69,389	488,051	810,048	1,045,356
DECEMBER 1989	376,357	161,434	537,791	404,679	79,969	484,648	781,036	1,022,439
PERCENT CHANGE	4.0	2.8	3.6	3.5	(13.2)	0.7	3.7	2.2
12 MONTHS 1990	4,922,587	1,386,394	6,308,981	5,238,221	529,227	5,767,448	10,160,808	12,076,429
12 MONTHS 1989	4,821,951	1,322,432	6,144,383	5,129,872	510,202	5,640,074	9,951,823	11,784,457
PERCENT CHANGE	2.1	4.8	2.7	2.1	3.7	2.3	2.1	2.5

Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Hawaiian, Midway, Northwest, Pan American, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

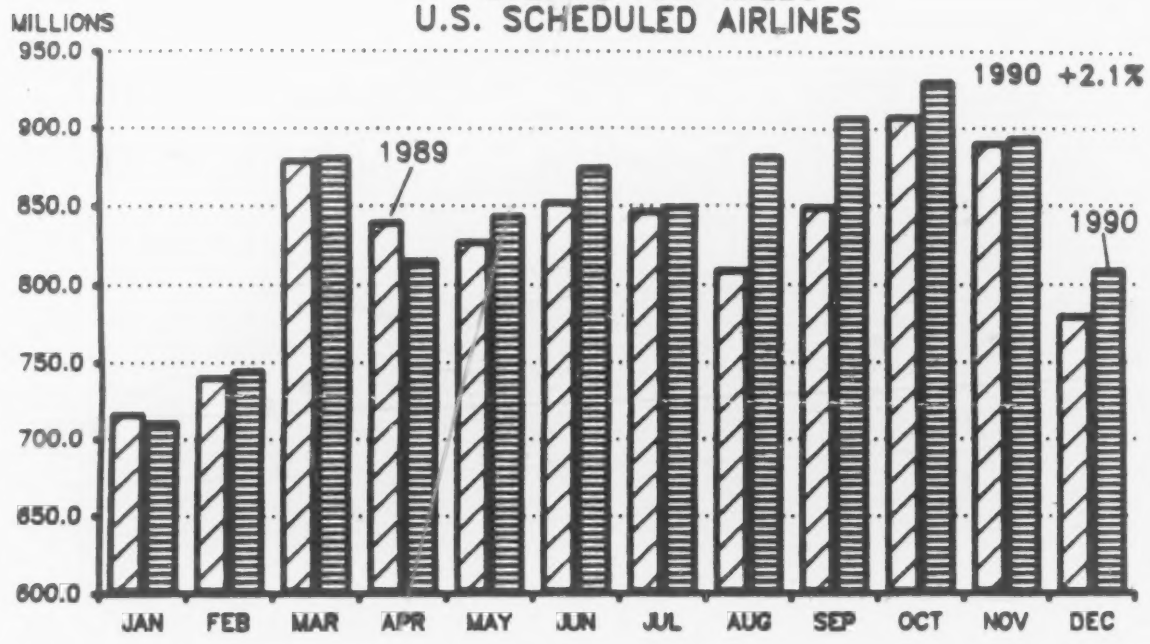
MONTH	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989			
January	717,432	142,815	860,247
February	741,550	136,212	877,762
March	880,183	160,251	1,040,434
April	840,723	147,713	988,436
May	828,462	140,949	969,411
June	853,522	141,122	994,644
July	847,624	132,344	979,968
August	810,838	147,703	958,541
September	850,276	138,201	988,477
October	908,752	147,065	1,055,817
November	891,425	156,856	1,048,281
December	781,036	241,403	1,022,439
TOTAL 1989	9,951,823	1,832,634	11,784,457
1990			
January	712,700	152,242	864,942
February	746,482	141,299	887,781
March	882,737	162,639	1,045,376
April	816,977	149,171	966,148
May	845,752	150,879	996,631
June	876,262	145,564	1,021,826
July	851,001	139,270	990,271
August	883,779	153,660	1,037,439
September	908,960	147,942	1,056,902
October	931,558	164,971	1,096,529
November	894,552	172,676	1,067,228
December	810,048	235,308	1,045,356
TOTAL 1990	10,160,808	1,915,621	12,076,429

PERCENT CHANGE

	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1990/1989 December	3.7	-2.5	2.2
Jan - December	2.1	4.5	2.5

FREIGHT

REVENUE TON-MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



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U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES